

Nov/Dec 1998 Newsletter

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Holiday Felicitations!

Right now the holiday coming up, in a flurry of autumn leaves, M & Ms, and Butterfinger Bars, is Halloween, but there will be more before next I write. VIP our next meeting is November 9, Monday, 7:30 pm at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, on Rts.202-206, Pluckemin. Debbie Tintle has a terrific program planned with a watercolor demo by Elze Dima, a multi-award winner, a teacher and demonstrator, with full memberships in NJWCS, GSWS, and the AAPL, among others. You may have caught her lovely one-woman shows at Somerset Art Association or last spring at Morristown Memorial Galleries.

Tis the time to think of RVAA Holiday Collection and Members Show & Sale. A detailed form is enclosed; basically racks/screens are to be delivered Dec. 2, paintings for both parts of the show Dec.3. Elsa Herrmann is in charge of the judged (in the Somerset County Library Lobby) part of the show. She will need helpers to hang the work, please, and you may phone her at 908-439-3526. As usual, the categories are pro and non-pro, under glass and not-under-glass. I'm in charge of the Holiday Collection (unjudged) part, which will be in the lobby display cases and on racks throughout the library. No, you need not own a rack to display; owners share theirs. In general, smaller and smaller-priced works sell better, especially at holiday time. But sometimes including one or two really pricey works along with smaller, cheaper works makes the buyers feel "Here's a great deal!" And do bring something along to sell when you show sit--impulse buying! In fact, if you want to show sit more than 6 hours, we can certainly use help. You don't want to miss this month-long chance to exhibit and sell!

Awards for the judged part of the show will be awarded at our annual, and very gala, dinner Monday, December 7th and Nona Rutter is in charge. The form for this is also enclosed here. This CELEBRATORY EVENT is once again to be held at the Main Street Restaurant, 600 Main Street, Bridgewater (Finderne Ave. exit off Rt. 22 East, turn right at 3rd light, onto Main Street, and the restaurant is on your left, just past the gas station.) The menu offers a choice of prime ribs, chicken marsala, salmon with dill sauce, or vegetarian lasagna (choice can be made that night) and is preceded with Main Street's incomparable (and I really mean it) SALAD BAR. Of course, you also have the cash bar with nibbles from 6:30-7:15. Veg and potato with your meal and desert after. The cost, including tax & gratuities, is \$26.,

which is only \$1.up from the last 3 years. Please send a check made out to RVAA to Nona Rutter 110 Washington Corner Rd, Bernardsville, 07924, by Fri. Dec. 4th. Guests are most welcome! More info? Nona's at 766-4962. Oh, yes, in addition to the Awards Ceremony, we're planning on an informal sort of Table Topics Thing where we can share (if you wish) what we do in the arts world, our mediums, our thoughts, something so we can get to know each other a little better--perhaps an informal round table discussion. Nona is also open-minded about other ideas. But come! I can verify for sure that the food is always good and the talk is too!

I really don't know how to give the next news, because it is very sad. Art Trippanera, an artist really all his life, and a charter member of RVAA back in 1939, when Art was only 18, died on Saturday, Oct. 24th at his home in Somerville. We're all familiar with his very fine work, watercolors, oil paintings, & drawings, too. We know Art won many, many awards. And most of us have had lively and lovely conversations with him--RVAA definitely will not be the same without our good friend Art. But perhaps you didn't know that Art helped hang virtually every RVAA show-for as long as I can remember-(I joined RVAA in '75). He was also a Past President, Exhibition Chairman, and Treasurer. You might know that in shows at Raritan Valley Community College, he not only showed his work, but tap danced, until just recently. You might not have known he produced colorful Holiday Show posters for RVAA. Or decorated the envelopes of his letters with great little pictures at holiday times. You might not even know he was Sergeant-at-arms for Somerset County Courthouse, only retiring in 1993. There's lots more, but the thing is RVAA will really miss Art and we send our thoughts and prayers out to his daughters Nina (who also resided with her dad)and Lisa. RVAA sent a plant garden to Nina, in memory of, and thanks for the life and gift of Art.

And--RVAA also is sorry for and empathizes with RVAA member Nancy Schuman on the death of her husband in August, and with RVAA members Audrey Heintz and daughter Molly Grace on the very recent death of their son and brother. While we can't say too much of any help, we can offer our sympathy and our art programs and shows, things of beauty which we hope will help a little.

Just a quick note--Bridgewater resident Marion Mason, who I often see at the library, has many art books, mostly history of art, free-for-the taking. She lives on Foothill Road and says you may call her at 725-1980 if you'd like to come and get some. Please call soon.

If some of you are interested in a group show December/January at La Dolce Vita Restaurant in Martinsville (Washington Valley Road), or a one- to four-person show there at some point for two months, please drop me a note-address above, or you can include it with your Holiday Show form. Presently the group show is Linda Arnold, Doug Axman, Doris Haines, and Diana Patton. La Dolce Vita holds 32-33 paintings!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Jo Coudert has been very busy: her book, written & illustrated by Jo, SEVEN CATS & THE ART OF LIVING has just been published in paperback; she has three stories in the hit book CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE PET LOVER'S SOUL; and Oct. 24th Jo had a book signing in Califon for THE GOOD SHEPHERD, A Special Dog's Gift of Healing. The Clinton Book Shop will hold a book signing for Jo, Saturday, November 21 at 2 pm.

Kathy Detrano was awarded two Second Places in the Amateur division of the recent Tewksbury Historical Society Annual Art Show--in the categories of "Animals" and "Still Life and Interiors".

Works by Connie Gray and Diana Patton were chosen from the recent show at The 1860 House to hang for two months at two Johnson & Johnson locations.

Debbie Tintle was recently awarded Best in Show and the Grumbacher Medal at the Essex Watercolor Club's Show in Short Hills.

RVAA members who were in the juried American Artists Professional League Show at Ocean County College were Ed Baumlin, Sylvia Glesmann, Elsa Herrmann, Diana Patton, and Sonja Weir.

Sonja Weir and her students will exhibit the month of November at the Somerset County Library, Voit Dr. & No. Bridge St, Bridgewater. There will be works in watercolor, oil, drawing, and pastel.

RVAA members had excellent representation at the Tewksbury Historical Society Show--in addition to Kathy Detrano, we had the following winners in the Amateur division: Florals, First-Susan Furey, Honorable Mention-Jo Coudert. In the Professional division Corinne Kenney-Second Place, "Animals", Elsa Herrmann won First and Honorable Mention in "Buildings", Marge Braun won Honorable Mention "Landscapes", and Diana Patton Honorable Mention "Florals".

Since the next newsletter isn't until January, may I be the first to wish you Happy Halloween! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Hanukah! Merry Christmas! and Happy New Year! (good thing I didn't just drink to all these good wishes).

RVAA Annual Dinner-- \$26. each. Number of persons _____

Your name _____

and phone number _____

Please send to Nona Rutter, 110 Washington Corner Rd, Bernardsville, 07924

Please see rules for Holiday Collection & Members Show next page.

Please mail form with \$8. check made out to RVAA to Diana Patton,
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I _____ am entering the

Judged _____ (2 hrs sitting, 1 ptng) and the Holiday Collection _____

(6 hrs sitting, work judged plus on racks &/or display case). I have/ have not

(# of screens) _____ to share. (delivery 12/2) Phone _____